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REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

1918-1919

To the President of the University:

SIR: I herewith respectfully submit the annual report of the library for the year ending June 30, 1919.

The year has witnessed the return to more normal conditions in the library both as to additions of materials and the use made of these materials. The absence of some regular assistants and the necessity of using untrained helpers has prevented the work going as smoothly at all times as could be wished.

War restrictions continued throughout the year to prevent importations from Germany and Austria. The German periodicals have been secured, as in 1917-1918, through the American Library Association Committee. Late in the year word came that the books and periodicals stored in Leipzig since shipping was stopped had been destroyed by fire in the warehouse. Just how much of a loss this will prove to be remains to be seen. Probably most of the German periodicals for 1917, and some for 1916, are included.

Two unusual gifts have come to the library during the year. The Wason Collection on China and the Chinese, given by Charles W. Wason of the class of '76, is now on the shelves, although not yet completely accessioned and catalogued, so that the exact number of volumes in the collection cannot be given. The estimate of 5,000 volumes already made is not far from correct.

Mr. James Verner Scaife, Cornell '89, of Pittsburgh, Pa., gave the library his valuable collection of books dealing with the Civil War of the United States, numbering 844 volumes and many valuable pamphlets that are difficult to obtain. The collection is rich in regimental histories, to which has been added subsequent information in the form of notes and newspaper clippings. The collection is a most welcome addition to the Civil War Collection made by President White during the war and presented to the University Library many years ago.

The library has received from various sources a collection of some 700 war posters, for which special thanks are due to Mr. J. I. Clarke, '12; Mr. S. N. Shaw, '17; Mr. C. B. Tailby, Mr. Georgio di Grassi, and Mr. Weyland Pfeiffer, '16.

As an outgrowth of the Semi-Centennial historical exhibition of Cornelliana in the library, the materials there used have been systematically arranged so as to make accessible the miscellaneous printed matter not adapted to binding, portraits, and miscellaneous pictures illustrating University life from year to year.

During the year two courses in Bibliography have been given to about forty students. One course was given three hours a week during the first quarter of the year, and the other course was given during the third quarter.

ACCESSIONS DIVISION

War conditions continued throughout the year to hinder the importation of books and periodicals from the countries of Central Europe. By the arrangement made by the special Committee on Importations of the American Library Associa-

tion mentioned in my last report, the library has been able to get, through Holland and Switzerland, German periodicals for 1918 and 1919. Those for 1916 and 1917, having been subscribed and paid for through the regular agent, were held in storage at Leipzig and Rotterdam.

Aside from the special collections, the library has received from yourself and Mrs. A. D. White, many valuable additions to the library resources, and from Mrs. James Morgan Hart two valuable works dealing with oriental rugs. From the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, the seminary collection has been received and incorporated into the general library, such books as are needed in the seminary room to be deposited there under the supervision of the general library.

The more important additions to the library by purchase, both of books and periodicals, are the following:

Renault and Cardot. *Mousses*.
 Mace. *Musick's Monument*. 1676.
 Purcell. *Orpheus Britannicus*. 1706.
 Anderson. *Zoology of Egyptian Mammalia*.
 Dugdale. *Antiquities of Warwickshire*. 1765.
 Guerinet. *L'architecture française*. 12 vols.
 Heywood. *Troia Britanica*. 1609.
 Zouche. *The Sophister*. 1639.
 Milton. *Poems*. 1673.
 Moreau-Nélaton. *Églises de chez nous: Soissons et Chateau-Thierry*.
 Joanne. *Dictionnaire de la France*.
 Vacant and Mangenot. *Dictionnaire de théologie catholique*.
 British Museum. *National Antarctic Expedition*. 1901-04.
 Oliver. *History of the Island of Antigua*.
 Gmelin. *Flora Siberica*.
 McCoy. *Natural history of Victoria*.
 James, Henry. *Novels and tales*. (New York ed.)
 Spenser. *Faerie Queen*. 1611.
 Fowler. *Coleoptera of the British Islands*.
 Hemings. *Fatal Contract*. 1653.
 Karsten. *Florae Columbiae*.
 Beebe. *Monograph of the Pheasants*.
 Sander, F. *Reichenbachia*. Imperial edition.

Periodicals added by purchase:

Plainsong and Mediaeval Music Society. *Publications*. 12 vols.
 Musical Association. *Proceedings*. 41 vols.
 Annals of Scottish Natural History. 1892-1910.
 Journal of Philosophy, Chemistry, and the Arts. 36 vols.
 Parish Register Society. *Publications*. 65 vols.
 Cambridge Antiquarian Society. *Publications*. 30 vols.
 Royal Numismatic Society. *Journal*. 1836-1916.
 Cymmrodorion Society. *Publications*. 1877-1918.
 Real Sociedad Geografica de Madrid. *Boletin*. 57 vols.
 [Chicago] Daily Trade Bulletin. 1867-1917.
 Spolia Zeylanica. 9 vols.
 Naval Chronicle. 40 vols.
 European Magazine. 87 vols.
 Optical Society. (London). *Transactions*. 19 vols.

Important sets completed during the year are as follows:

Edinburgh Bibliographical Society. *Publications*.
 Manx Society. *Publications*.

Revue des bibliothèques: Supplements.

Journal of Science and the Arts.

Catalogue générale des manuscrits des bibliothèques publiques de France:
Departments. 51 vols.

The present extent of the University Library is summarized as follows:

BOOKS, BOUND PAMPHLETS, MAPS, MSS., ETC.

	Vols.	
General library, exclusive of the following	421,474	
Anthon Collection, purchased 1868	6,770	
Bopp Collection, purchased 1868	2,014	
Sparks Collection, purchased 1872	5,717	
White Historical Library, gift, 1891	23,177	
Zarncke Collection, gift, 1893	13,000	
British Patents, gift, 1868-90	3,108	475,260
Fiske Dante Collection, gift, 1893	8,237	
Fiske Petrarch Collection, gift, 1905	4,069	
Fiske Icelandic Collection, gift, 1905	15,171	
Wason Collection, gift, 1918		
Volumes of Cornell University Theses (deposited)	6,498	
Philological Seminary Collection	1,072	
Philosophical Seminary Collection	787	
German Seminary Collection	761	
*French Seminary Collection	28	
Latin Seminary Collection	329	
American History Seminary Collection	597	37,549
Maps in the Library	969	
Cornell University plans deposited in the Library	196	
U. S. Coast Survey Charts	960	
U. S. Geological Survey Topographical Sheets	2,189	
U. S. Geological Survey Atlases	208	
British Geological Survey Maps	600	5,122
Manuscripts		627
General Law Library, gifts and purchases to 1917	38,763	
Moak Law Library, gift, 1893	12,500	
Flower Veterinary Library, gifts	5,671	
Barnes Reference Library, gift	2,316	
Goldwin Smith Hall Library	2,460	
Stimson Hall Library	1,427	
Evans Mathematical Library	417	
Comstock Memorial Collection	268	
Architectural College Library	1,089	
Economic Laboratory Collection	196	
Miscellaneous Department Collections	4,522	
Entomological Collection	2,331	71,960
New York State Agricultural College Library	13,444	
New York State Forestry Library	1,181	
New York State Plant Pathology Collection	383	15,008
Total books, maps, mss., etc.		605,526

A list of donors to the library during the year is appended to the librarian's printed report.

*The books in French Seminary have been incorporated in the General Library.

CATALOGUE DIVISION

The work of this division covers the classification and cataloguing of all materials received by the library.

During the year the books dealing with the European War have been reclassified according to the Library of Congress system, thus providing for a more comprehensive collection than could have been included under the old system. The Scaife Collection of Civil War literature has also been classified by the Library of Congress system and the works dealing with the same subject that were already in the library will be re-classified and shelved with them. The Wason Collection on China and the Chinese has been only partially classified as yet but will be dealt with as fast as the regular work will permit.

The cataloguing has kept pace with the classification and the following table shows the work done;

Volumes and pamphlets catalogued	11,546
Maps catalogued	132
Manuscripts catalogued	5
Number of titles added to the catalogue	7,199
Number of written cards added to the catalogue	13,834
Number of printed cards added to the catalogue	7,418

The Library of Congress card catalogue sent us as one of the depository libraries of the United States has added 32,052 new cards this year. This catalogue, having been transferred from another library to us, was found defective in places and the Library of Congress is systematically supplying the missing cards from Washington as fast as the lacking cards can be determined.

The usual list of publications by University officers has been prepared as an appendix to the President's Report, by the Catalogue division.

STACKS DIVISION

During the year additional book shelves have been provided in the newspaper and periodical stacks, which have made it possible to bring together on one floor all the general periodicals and newspapers, and release book shelves in other parts of the stacks. In this way room was made for shelving the Wason and Scaife Collections. As the book shelves in many parts of the stacks are already crowded, it will be necessary in the near future to add two more floors, one each at the top of the west and south stacks, which will provide room for some five years additions.

During the past year, as in the previous year, the work of this division has been interfered with by the absence of two assistants giving war service. Temporary assistance has been used and the work done as best it could, but a complete inventory of the books belonging to the library has not been possible. As this inventory is continuously going on, all items are checked in serial order, if not all within one year.

READERS DIVISION

The library has been open for use during the year 309 days.

During the period of the S. A. T. C. the record of books used in the library was unusually small, although the reading room was always well filled with stu-

dents, who found it a more desirable study room than the barracks. With the beginning of the calendar year the recovery was rapid and the number of books issued for use from January to June was larger than that for the year 1915-16, or the latest normal year.

The number of registered borrowers during the year was 1505, of which 135 were libraries of other places.

The number of books held in reserve for special use during the year was 17,599. The number of current periodicals kept on file in the periodical room is 740, and of bound volumes of periodicals on the open shelves is 2824.

The recorded use for the year is as follows:

Reading room	78,801
Seminary rooms	2,303
Laboratories and Departments	4,830
Home use	28,962
Foreign loans	166
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	115,062
Borrowed from other libraries	64

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The White Historical Collection has been added to more slowly during the past year because of the difficulty of getting books from abroad, as well as the risks run in having them forwarded. For this reason some things were held in England at our request until the danger of shipping, incident to war conditions, was past.

Besides the gifts from President and Mrs. White the additions to this collection have been purchased as hitherto from the special fund set aside by the Trustees and from the royalties from the *History of the warfare of science with theology*, which President White generously gave for this purpose.

The Fiske Dante and Petrarch Collections show but slight increase during the year, only six volumes having been added to the Petrarch and forty-three to the Dante Collection. Illness has compelled the curator, Miss Fowler, to be absent from the collection for a few months, but she has now resumed her work.

The Fiske Icelandic and Runic Collection has added some 151 volumes and now has a total of 11,441. The annual publication *Islandica*, Vol. 11, by Haldor Hermannsson, the curator, was issued during the year and dealt with *The periodical literature of Iceland down to the year 1874*.

DEPARTMENT LIBRARIES

The department libraries, made up largely of general library books and periodicals deposited in the several colleges for more ready use there, have been added to during the year. The return of a large number of books and periodicals from the botanical laboratory, the Sibley library, and the Architectural library has kept down the total now deposited outside the general library. There are no doubt many others that are not used enough to warrant their remaining on deposit but as yet we have no means of accurately determining these.

VOLUMES DEPOSITED IN DEPARTMENT LIBRARIES

Architecture	3,311
Chemistry	4,880
Sibley College	2,421
Civil Engineering	4,672
Medical College	751
Veterinary College	5,671
Entomology	4,596
Agriculture	1,818
Morrill Hall (Hart Library)	2,250

In addition to these collections, more or less permanently deposited outside the library, there are several laboratory collections that are changing in character with the changes in the work. These books are issued to the heads of the laboratories, who become responsible to the library for their custody and safe return to the library.

Yours respectfully,

WILLARD AUSTEN,
Librarian.

APPENDIX
TO THE
REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN
1918-1919

LIST OF DONORS OF BOOKS TO THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Academia Poltechnica do Porto. Portugal.
Adeane, Jane Henrietta. Holyhead, England.
American Artisan and Hardware Record.
American Association for International Conciliation.
American Drop Forger.
American Economist.
American Federation of Labor.
American Guernsey Cattle Club.
American Indian Magazine.
American Medicine.
American Society of Civil Engineers.
American Stone Trade Company.
American Water Works Association.
Associated Press. New York City.
Austen, Jessica Tyler.
Auburn Theological Seminary.

Bailey, L. H. Ithaca.
Balch, E. S. Philadelphia.
Baldwin, S. E. New Haven.
Bancroft, W. D. Ithaca.
Barbour, Lemont. Ithaca.
Barker, Miss N. G. Kansas City.
Becker, Carl. Ithaca.
Bedell, Frederick. Ithaca.
Benedict, A. L. Buffalo.
Benjamin, E. B. Cambridge, Mass.
Bennett, B. E. Seattle, Wash.
Benson, C. B. Ithaca.
Bergen, Frank. Newark; N. J.
Bettens, E. D. New York City.
Better Fruit Publishing Company.
Bingham, L. J. Ithaca.
Blast Furnace and Steel Plant.
Boston—City Offices.
Boyle, J. E. Ithaca.
Bradley, J. C. Ithaca.
British Red Cross Society.
Buchanan, J. Y. Boston.
Buell, L. C. Washington, D. C.
Buenos Aires—Museo Nacional.
Burr, G. L., Ithaca.

California Academy of Science.
California Safety News.

Canada—Government Offices.
 Carbonnel, Emile. New York City.
 Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.
 Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland.
 Cautley, J. R. Washington, D. C.
 Century Company.
 Chamberlain, Mrs. G. R. Ithaca.
 Chicago Art Institute.
 Chicago Pathological Society.
 Chicago Symphony Orchestra.
 Chinese Students Monthly.
 Christian, T. J. J. Ithaca.
 Church, Alonzo. Newark, N. J.
 Comstock, Mrs. A. B. Ithaca.
 Comstock, J. H. Ithaca.
 Constitutional Review.
 Theodore Cooper Estate. Rochester, N. Y.
 Cornell Alumni News.
 Cornell Association of Civil Engineers.
 Cornell Countryman.
 Cornell Daily Sun.
 Council of Women for Home Missions.
 Coville, Luzerne. Ithaca.
 Culhane, Miss M. C. Boston.
 Curtis Publishing Company.

Davenport, H. J. Ithaca.
 Davis, E. G. Ithaca.
 DeMajumdar, I. B. Bengal, India.
 Dengler, C. H. New Brunswick, N. J.
 Dennis, L. M. Ithaca.
 Depew, C. M. New York City.
 Detroit News.
 Dixon, W. M. London, England.
 Djang, Y. S. Tientsin, China.
 George H. Doran Company.
 Durham, C. L. Ithaca.
 Dyestuffs.

Eastern Dealer in Implements and Vehicles.
 Edgar, C. G. Detroit.
 Edgerton, H. W. Ithaca.

Falconer, Thomas. Omaha, Neb.
 Farnsworth, E. C. Portland, Me.
 Farr, H. A. New Haven, Conn.
 Ferrocarriles Nacionales de México. New York City.
 Fisher, A. W. Pultneyville, N. Y.
 Florida State Plant Board.
 Flying Association, Inc.
 Forest, H. P. de. New York City.
 Forest Leaves.
 Fosbery, A. F. Los Angeles, Cal.
 Foster, F. M. Ithaca.
 France—Section des États-Unis et Bureau des Relations.
 Gamurrini, Gian-Francesco. Arezzo, Italy.
 Garrett, M. B. Canton, N. Y.
 Gas Industry.

Geographical Society of Philadelphia.
 Geographical Society of the Pacific.
 Gilbert, A. H. Ithaca.
 Gilman, Miss Elizabeth. Paris, France.
 González, Sra. Aurelia Castello de. La Habana, Cuba.
 Good Government.
 Gould, N. J. Washington, D. C.
 Grassi, Georgio di. Ithaca.
 Gregg, J. E. Hampton, Va.
 Griffis, W. E. Ithaca.
 Griswold, H. D. Ithaca.
 Grunsky, C. E. San Francisco.
 Grüter, M. A. Bern, Switzerland.
 Guaranty Trust Company of New York.
 Guerlac, O. G. Washington, D. C.

Hammond, Miss E. P. Boston.
 Hammond, W. A. Ithaca.
 Harris, F. S. Logan, Utah.
 Harris, W. E. Buffalo.
 Hart, Mrs. C. D. St. Louis.
 Hart, Mrs. J. M.
 Harvard University.
 Hayes Pump and Planter Company.
 Henry, F. A. New York City.
 Holstein-Friesian Association of America.
 Horseshoers' Journal.
 Hotchkiss, H. J. Ithaca.
 Hull, C. H. Ithaca.

Illinois Catholic Historical Review.
 Illinois Society of Engineers.
 Illuminating Engineer.
 Indiana Academy of Science.
 Indiana—State Departments.
 Indicator, The.
 Institution Quarterly.
 International Correspondence Schools.
 Irvine, Frank. Ithaca.
 Japan—Imperial Earthquake Investigation Committee.
 Japan—Imperial Government Railways.
 Japan Society.
 Jones, H. W. New York City.
 Journal of Forestry.
 Journal of Prison Discipline and Philanthropy.
 Journal of Zoöphily.

Kansas City—Public Library.
 Kappa Kappa Gamma.
 Karapetoff, Vladimir. Ithaca.
 Kellas, Eliza. Troy, N. Y.
 Kennell, L. S. Ithaca.
 Kerr, A. T. Ithaca.

League to Enforce Peace.
 Lima, C. E. A. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
 Literary Guide and Rationalist Review.
 Lovatelli, M. Washington, D. C.
 Lusk, Graham. New York City.

MacDonald, William. Johannesburg, South Africa.
 McIntyre, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Ithaca.
 John Mackay and Company.
 McMahon, James. Ithaca.
 McNeil, James. New York City.
 McNeir, Mr. and Mrs. George. New York City.
 Medical Times Company.
 Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.
 Metropolitan Museum of Art.
 Meyer, L. S. Farmingdale, N. Y.
 Michigan—State Departments.
 Mid-Nation Publishers.
 Mifflin, Lloyd. Columbia, Pa.
 Military Training Camps Association.
 Mills, Lawrence. Chicago.
 Mining Congress Journal.
 Minnesota Horticulturist.
 Missionary Herald.
 Molina, Emig. New York City.
 Monroe, B. S. Ithaca.
 Morrow, J. H. Los Angeles, Cal.
 Moss crop, A. M. Rochester.
 Museum of the American Indian.

National Association of Cotton Manufacturers.
 National Association of Wool Manufacturers.
 National City Bank of New York.
 National Committee for the Prevention of Blindness.
 National Humane Review.
 National Nurseryman Publishing Company.
 Nawa, Yasushi. Gifu, Japan.
 New Church Messenger.
 New Philosophy.
 New York City—Departments.
 New York State—Departments.
 New York Historical Society.
 New York Meteorological Observatory.
 New Zealand Patent Office Journal.
 North Carolina University.
 Northup, C. S. Ithaca.

Oberlin College Library.
 Ogden, R. M. Ithaca.
 Ohio—State Departments.
 Ohio Bulletin of Charities and Correction.

Paix par le Droit, La.
 Patterson, Woodford. Ithaca.
 Pennsylvania—State Departments.
 Pennsylvania Prison Society.
 Perugi, G. L. Modena, Italy.
 Phi Gamma Delta.
 Philosophical Review.
 Positivist Review.
 Power Plant Engineering.
 Protestant Review.
 Public Service. Chicago.

Remey, C. M. Washington, D. C.
 Rochester Public Library.

Rogers, F. F. New York City.
 Rosenberg Library.
 Russel, Henry. Detroit.
 Russel, J. R. Detroit.
 Russia, A journal.

School News Company.
 Schroeder, Theodore. Cos Cob, Conn. .
 Schurman, J. G. Ithaca.
 Scott, Foresman and Company.
 Charles Scribner's Sons.
 Scripps Institution.
 Semeur, Le.
 Shepardson, F. W. Springfield, Ill.
 Shoe Workers' Journal.
 Sibley Journal of Engineering.
 Single Tax Review.
 Snap Shots.
 Snelson, E. L. St. Louis.
 Spaulding, W. F. Boston.
 Stanton, Theodore. Paris, France.
 Starrett, D. W. Boston.
 Stimson, S. C. Milwaukee.
 Strunk, William, jr. Ithaca.

Tansey, G. J. St. Louis.
 Tennessee—State Departments.
 Theosophical Quarterly.
 Thompson, W. G. New York City.
 Tokyo Imperial University.
 Tompkins County Board of Supervisors.
 Toronto University Library.
 Tracy and Kilgore. Madison, Wis.
 Treman, R. H. New York City.
 Turner, Mrs. K. B. Ithaca.

Udall, D. H. Ithaca.
 Upsala University Library.

Valdés, José M. Havana, Cuba.
 Van Loon, H. W. New York City.
 Vedanta Monthly.
 Voil, C. H. and W. H. Cameron.

White, A. C. Ithaca.
 White, Mrs. A. D.
 White, G. S. Los Angeles, Cal.
 White Pine Series of Architectural Monographs.
 Widow, The.
 Willcox, W. F. Ithaca.
 Williams, J. H. San Francisco.
 Williams College.
 Winslow, L. L. Albany, N. Y.
 Wood-Preserving. Baltimore, Md.
 Woodruff, E. H. Ithaca.
 Word, The.

Yale University Press.
 Young, A. A. Ithaca.
 Young, C. V. P. Ithaca.

